

## **SPRING NEWS 2016**

### **Insight & Issues**

#### **[“One Health” – Building a sustainable development approach to address emerging infectious diseases.](#)**

##### **Mohamed Karmali, IHSP Visiting Scholar**

Dr. Karmali, Visiting Scholar at the IHSP and former Senior Advisor, Infectious Disease Prevention and Control Branch, Public Health Agency of Canada, discusses the concept of One Health, a newly-developed, integrative approach to the control and prevention of emerging infectious diseases. One Health is largely based on the collaborative effort between various actors in the public health community and the implementation of International Health Regulations. To learn more about One Health and Dr. Karmali's insight on its implementation alongside the Sustainable Development Goals, take a look at the article [here](#).

### **Spotlight on Research**

##### **Laurence J. Kirmayer, Professor**

In [“Caring for a newly arrived Syrian refugee family”](#), a paper recently published in the Canadian Medical Association Journal, Professor Laurence J. Kirmayer (IHSP Associate Member, Division of Social and Transcultural Psychiatry) and several other researchers, present a case study outlining a framework for the medical care of a Syrian refugee family.

##### **Shelley Clark, Professor**

Professor Shelley Clark (IHSP Associate Member, Director of the Centre of Population Dynamics) has recently been featured in many articles, speaking about her work on divorce trends in Africa. The study finds that despite recent urbanisation and an increase in female employment, divorce has remained stable or even declined across 20 countries in sub-Saharan Africa. The McGill Press Office highlighted Professor Clark's work [here](#) and her comments on the study can be found in several articles [here](#), [here](#), [here](#), and [here](#).

### **IHSP in the Media**

##### **Sam Harper, Professor**

Professor Sam Harper (IHSP Associate Member, Department of Epidemiology, Biostatistics and Occupational Health) spoke with David Brancaccio on the American Public Media's Marketplace Morning Report, a show featured on NPR's Morning Edition. Professor Harper, whose research focuses on understanding population health and its social distribution, discussed the widening socioeconomic gap in traffic fatalities. Listen [here](#).

##### **Annmarie Adams, Professor**

Last fall, the IHSP partnered with the Centre for the Interdisciplinary Research on Montreal to develop a colloquium named “Hospital/ Hôpital” with the intentions of fostering a discussion on the ‘hospital’ from multiple academic perspectives. Several McGill faculty members, including IHSP Associate Member Professor Annmarie Adams (School of Architecture), took part in the discussion. Professor Adams was highlighted in an [article](#) in the Canadian Architect, which was featured on the front page of the RAIC news in February.

## **Nico Trocmé, Director of School of Social Work**

An [op-ed](#) co-written by Dr. Nico Trocmé (IHSP Associate Member, School of Social Work), Vandna Sinha, and Ashleigh Delaye discusses three measures that must be taken in light of the recent Canadian Human Rights Tribunal decision on First Nations child welfare. They call for the collaboration of federal and provincial governments, the First Nation populations and the Canadian public.

## **New Initiatives**

### **Announcing New IHSP Advisory Board and Local Advisory Council**

The IHSP is very pleased to announce the formation of its first Advisory Board and Local Advisory Council. The Advisory Board includes a diverse group of prominent international Canadian research and policy leaders and is chaired by Maureen O'Neil, President of the Canadian Foundation for Healthcare Improvement and Chair of the Board of the United Nations (UN) Research Institute for Social Development. The Local Advisory Council is composed of Montreal and Quebec-based policy, research and community sector leaders. [Link to bios.](#)

### **IHSP Summer Workshop: *Research to Policy Dragon's Den***

June 6th-10th of 2016, the McGill Institute for Health and Social Policy (IHSP) is hosting the 2016 Research to Policy Dragon's Den. The program is a unique training opportunity for participants to take on an important current policy challenge. Mentored by a select group of academics, policy, practice and media experts, participants will develop a concrete proposal for policy change and effective strategies for moving it to action. Topic in 2016: Refugee Settlement Policy. This is a non-credit training for advanced students for all disciplines, practitioners and policymakers. For application details, visit [this link](#). Deadline to apply: May 6th, 2016.

### **IHSP Student Programs – Call for Applications**

We're recruiting! The IHSP is looking for McGill undergrads and graduate students from all departments interested in training and research in health and social policy. Funding available for five different programs offering the chance to engage in a multidisciplinary institute, work directly with researchers and learn about issues of health and equity, wellbeing and more through a variety of projects. Deadlines vary, see our website for more details:

<http://www.mcgill.ca/ihsp/studentprograms>

## **Events**

### **Evidence to Policy Speaker Series**

Monthly seminars exploring the policy implications of cutting edge research on how social factors and policies impact health, well-being and equity.

Upcoming seminar: April 26<sup>th</sup> 12:30-14:00: Amy Nimegeer, University of Glasgow - *Representations of emerging health debates in the UK mass media.* [Details](#)

### **McGill Primary Care Policy Symposium**

On May 6th, 2016, the IHSP and several other partners will be hosting a day-long discussion on key aspects of the future of primary care in Quebec. The symposium will bring together experts in the field from Quebec, Canada, and internationally, to engage the public in an effort to contribute to the development of a comprehensive plan for Quebec's primary health care system. All are invited to attend! For more information or to register, please visit the [website](#).

## **Spotlight on Alumni**

### **Lindsay Wright, Labor and Employee Relations Advisor, UBC**

Lindsay Wright, who held two internships at the IHSP (2008-2010), received a degree in Industrial Relations and International Development from McGill University. She then pursued her law degree at the University of British Columbia and now works as a labor and employee relations advisor at UBC. Read more about Lindsay's studies and work [here](#).

## **Get to Know Our Students**

### **Anushree Davé, Queen Elizabeth Intern**

Anushree Davé will be working on the Innovative Models Promoting Access-to-Care Transformation (IMPACT) initiative in Australia this year, as a recipient of the Common Threads through the Commonwealth - Queen Elizabeth II Diamond Jubilee Scholarship Program. Anushree is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Bioethics at McGill. To learn more about her educational endeavors and her role in the IMPACT initiative, read [here](#).

### **Geoffrey Batista, Graduate Award Program**

Geoffrey Batista, a current Graduate Award Program scholar, is pursuing a PhD in geography. His research focuses on social equity in active transportation policy and he is currently in the processing of gathering qualitative data in various neighborhoods in Montreal. To read more about his research, click [here](#)